

Sinclair forced their stations not to broadcast a Nightline show which read the names of U.S.soldiers killed in Iraq, claiming that partisan political programming was unsuitable for broadcast. Now they have ordered their stations to pre-empt regular programming to show a one-hour "documentary" by the Swift Boat group attacking John Kerry shortly before the presidential election. This is not only blatant hypocrisy, but a gross misuse of public airwaves for private purposes. I urge the FCC to take measures to stop this from happening, now and in the future. Sinclair's actions serve as an ominous warning about the consequences of ownership of media outlets by fewer and fewer corporations. Yours truly, Al Arioli